

SENATE BILL 3484
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 20; Title 49, Chapter 6 and Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to employers participating in secondary and postsecondary educational cooperative work programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-20-102(3), is amended by adding the following language immediately after subdivision (A) as new subdivision (B) and by redesignating the subsequent subdivision accordingly:

(B) "Governmental entity" also means an employer who employs high school students as part of a cooperative work based learning program in conjunction with an LEA, but only with respect to those activities in which such student is actually engaged in performing duties for such employer during such cooperative work based learning program, or an employer who employs students as part of a cooperative work program in conjunction with an institution of the University of Tennessee system or the state university and community college system, but only with respect to those activities in which such student is actually engaged in performing duties for such employer during a cooperative work program.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-6-4___. An employer who employs high school students as part of a cooperative work based learning program in conjunction with an LEA shall be immune from suit except as provided under the provisions of and in accordance with the Governmental Tort Liability Act, compiled in title 29, chapter 20, for any injury which may result from the

activities of such student and employer while the student is engaged in cooperative work based learning with such employer.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 12, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-7-12___. An employer who employs students as part of a cooperative work program in conjunction with an institution of the University of Tennessee system or the state university and community college system shall be immune from suit except as provided under the provisions of and in accordance with the Governmental Tort Liability Act, compiled in title 29, chapter 20, for any injury which may result from the activities of such student and employer while the student is engaged in cooperative work based learning with such employer.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.